GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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FORMATION OF SPECIAL SERVICE GROUP
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pakistan has formed a Special Service Group (SSG) on the lines of special operation forces of the United States and Soviet union`s Spectsnaz Troops etc.;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to form a similar force to counter the SSG;

(c) whether there is a steep rise in the cases of smuggling of explosives, weapons and drugs across the Nepal Border;

(d) if so, whether the Government propose to review our policy on open border; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a): A Special Service Group (SSG) has been in existence in Pakistan since long.

(b): No, Sir.

(c)to(e): The open Indo-Nepal border has been misused by terrorists, criminals and other anti-social elements, inter-alia, for smuggling of explosives, weapons and drugs. However, there are no reports to indicate that there has been a steep rise in such activities. There is no proposal with the Government to change the open nature of this border.